

2025-26 Budget Consultation Submission

My comment is regarding fees for hiring ACT Government managed sports grounds within Canberra.

The fees required to hire these ACT Government managed sports grounds are significant; it means that sporting clubs need to pass these fees on as part of the club yearly membership. Most sporting clubs will have a \$400 per year membership fee, most of which goes to the sport ground hire. For countless people and families, this is causing a significant barrier to entry to play/participate in community sports. The participation of community members in sports - of any kind - is a vital in enabling individual and community resilience.

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